

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-4, 6-7, 12-19, 22-25, 28-30 and 32-36 were pending. Claims 1, 6, 12-17, 19 and 22-24 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 2-4, 7, 18, 25, 28 and 32 have been amended. New claims 37-42 have been added. It is respectfully submitted that such amendments and new claims are supported by the application as originally filed and that no new matter has been entered. Claims 2-4, 7, 18, 25, 28-30 and 32-42 are now pending.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejects claims 1-4, 6-7, 12-19 and 22-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Kahkoska et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,002,671 in view of Kennedy et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,982,851.

As set forth above, claims 1, 6, 12-17, 19 and 22-24 have been canceled without prejudice, and claims 2-4, 7 and 18 have been amended to depend from the allowable claims (see below).

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner states that claims 28-30 and 32-36 are allowed.

In response, claims 28 and 32 have been amended for antecedent basis purposes, and claims 2-4, 7 and 18 have been amended to depend from claim 28. It is respectfully submitted that claims 2-4, 7 and 18 are allowable as claims dependent from an allowable claim. It is respectfully submitted that claims 28-30 and 32-36 remain allowable.

NEW CLAIMS

New claims 37-42 have been added to further claim applicants' invention. Claims 37-42 correspond to claims 2-4, 7, 18 and 25, respectively, dependent from claim 32. It is respectfully submitted that claims 37-42 are allowable as claims dependent from an allowable claim.

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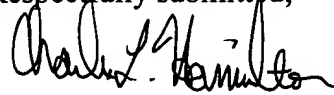
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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